



Friday, March 26, 2010

Dear Neighbors,

Burglary of Motor Vehicles Press Conference – March 30th

Council Member Brenda Stardig, Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's (HPD) Northwest Division will host a Burglary of Motor Vehicles (BMV) press conference. HPD finds BMVs among the most easily preventable crimes in Houston and encourages citizens to lock their vehicles and hide their belongings to remove any temptation for potential thieves.

The BMV Press Conference will wrap up HPD's ongoing *March on Crime* Campaign. By working together, HPD and the public can help keep Houston safe.

When: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 @ 10:30 a.m.

Where: Spring Branch Storefront
8400 Long Point (@ Pech), Houston, TX 77055

To learn more about HPD's *March on Crime* Campaign visit www.houstontx.gov/police/chief/moc to learn more about Crime Stoppers visit www.crime-stoppers.org.

Houston Police Department's Central Division Update

The **Houston Police Department's (HPD) Central Division** police officers continue to work hard for area residents. During HPD's *March on Crime* Campaign, the Central Division went door-to-door and distributed 4,950 educational pamphlets to area residents.

HPD regularly addresses crime in the City of Houston. During the *March on Crime* Campaign, emphasis is placed on what citizens can do to prevent common crimes. HPD encourages citizens to participate in these initiatives and specifically advises people to protect their valuables and not leave them visible.

Visit www.houstontx.gov/police/moc to learn more about HPD's initiatives.

NW-CAN Update * * * Suspect Arrested * * *

Positive Interaction Program (P.I.P.) Coordinators, Officers C. Engelhardt and J.J. Mounsey, have released the below information on the Northwest Crime Alert Network (NW-CAN) for residents to look for suspicious persons in their area.

To sign up for the NW-CAN, an informative newsletter for northwest residents regarding crime, please email Christopher.Engelhardt@cityofhouston.net.

The Northwest Division has recently been hit with a number of night time residential burglary incidents where a suspect was entering homes while the homeowners slept. This suspect had struck in the area of Bunker Hill, Long Point, Gessner, and Pine Lake.

Through the combined efforts of the officers from the Northwest Division and the Houston Police Department's Burglary and Theft units, the suspect has been identified through his fingerprints which were lifted at a crime scene.



The suspect is identified as Ferrufino Bravlio H/M 29 yrs old. He was arrested and charged in one incident and charges are pending on several others in this area.

For more information call P.I.P. Coordinators (Officers C. Englehardt or J.J. Mounsey) at **832.394.0100** or contact the HPD Burglary and Theft investigator A. Chapman at **281.405.6575**.

Get Informed About Houston City Council

Mayor Annise Parker released the below statement regarding Houston City Council meetings.

The City of Houston City Council agenda is published on Friday afternoon and details the actions that Council will consider at its meeting the following week. Council usually meets 1:30 p.m. most Tuesday afternoons and 9:00 a.m. most Wednesday mornings in the City Council Chamber, 901 Bagby, Houston, Texas 77002. The Tuesday session is devoted to public comment. The Wednesday session is for consideration of actions that require Council approval.

To sign up to speak during a Public Session, call the City Secretary's office at 832.393.1100 or visit the office on the public level of the City Hall Annex up to thirty (30) minutes before the meeting start time.

Each week's Council agenda is available at www.houstontx.gov/citysec. Under the City Secretary Quick Links, select the second link on the left for the basic agenda and the third link on the left for all of the backup information associated with each agenda item.

Council meetings may be viewed on HTV Houston Television at <http://houstontx.city.swagit.com>. The first tab allows you to watch live. The second tab will list all past sessions that are on file.

For a better understanding of the meetings, you may review Council Rules of Procedure, found in Section 2-2 of the Code of Ordinances, which can be found at www.houstontx.gov/codes/index.html - click on the "Searchable Code of Ordinances" link.

If you have questions about any of the items posted on the agenda, please contact marta.crinejo@cityofhouston.net.

Shadow Oaks Easter Parade

The **Shadow Oaks Civic Association** will host an Easter Egg Hunt and Parade this weekend. Neighborhood residents are encouraged to decorate their bikes, scooters, wagons, skates or wear costumes for the parade. Participants should make sure to bring a basket for the Easter Egg Hunt.

When: Saturday, March 27, 2010

Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. & Egg Hunt begins at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Nob Hill Park, 10300 Timberoak, Houston, TX 77043



Visit the New Kendall Library

The Houston Public Library and Houston Parks and Recreation Department invite residents to visit and enjoy the new **Belle Sherman Kendall Neighborhood Library & Community Center** located at 609 N. Eldridge, Houston, TX 77079 in District A.

This new facility is the first combined library and community center to be built in Houston. It is the city's first three-story neighborhood library and first library with a drive up window.

The new library and community center nearly doubles the size of the library from the previous location of 9,600 square feet to 19,000 square feet. The first floor of the facility is where the HPARD Community Center is located, sharing space with a large meeting room and the library's check-in and check-out services, including the drive-up window. The second floor houses the adult collection and reading areas and a small conference room. The third floor offers the children's and teen's collections and reading areas as well as a small meeting room.

Library hours are: Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursdays 12:00 p.m. – 8 p.m., Fridays 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

Visit www.hpl.lib.tx.us for more information about the Kendall Library or other libraries in your area.

Houston Community College Open House

Houston Community College (HCC) will host an Open House for anyone interested in learning more about the College's programs.

When: Monday, March 29, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: HCC Katy Campus
1550 Foxlake, Houston, 77084

When: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: HCC Spring Branch Campus
1010 W. Sam Houston Parkway North, Houston, 77043

During Open House, visitors can expect to complete their online HCC application, meet with counselors and professors, receive financial aid assistance and get help completing the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA).

Visit www.northwest.hccs.edu for more information, email community.outreach@hccs.edu or call 713.718.5707.

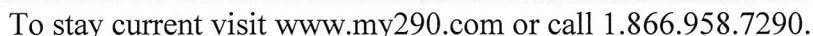
National Donate Life Month

Council Member Brenda Stardig and LifeGift will partner in April during National Donate Life Month to address the critical shortage of organs for those awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant and thousands of others who will need tissue transplants.

National Donate Life Month is a time to focus attention on the importance of registering as an organ and tissue donor via the Donate Life Texas Registry www.donatelifetexas.org. Named for a kidney recipient and Texas legislator, the Glenda P. Dawson Donate Life Texas Registry has close to 700,000 registered to donate organs or tissue.

Visit www.lifegift.org for more information about LifeGift and the Donate Life Texas Registry.

The US 290 construction project seeks to improve your commute and enhance the surrounding community's future. In order to keep the public informed of the program the website, www.my290.com, contains information regarding project phases, maps, animations, outreach and much more.



Learn about Houston, the economy and all the City has to offer!

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4XD7F61g1M>)

District A Highlight

Now that spring has arrived, you may find yourself doing some spring cleaning. If you have household items that you would like to donate, please keep **Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM)** in mind. Located at 1625 Blalock Road, MAM helps families meet their basic needs of food, housing and financial assistance to get their clients back on their feet.

Ways you can help:

- ★ Donate gently used items to the Resale Store
- ★ Donate personal hygiene items, household cleaning supplies and paper products
- ★ Donate infant diapers
- ★ Encourage your congregation to join the MAM coalition
- ★ Give your time and volunteer or give your resources with a monetary gift.

For more information, please visit maministries.org.

Building a stronger sense of community.